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For: OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS,
OPTICAL DATA
RECORDING/REPRODUCING
APPARATUS, AND OPTICAL DATA
RECORDING/REPRODUCING
METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1073, under Order No. R2180.0104/P0104. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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*Applicant also wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to pending patent application Nos. 09/344,120 filed on June 24, 1999 and 09/494,549 filed on January 31, 2000, which has been assigned to the assignee of the present application.